

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Requests for Waiver of Various)	
Petitioners to Allow the Establishment)	PS Docket No. 06-229
of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety)	
Wireless Broadband Networks)	
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**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (“LA-RICS” or “System”) Authority hereby submits to the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”), this quarterly report as required by the Commission’s Waiver Order.¹ The Authority was granted a waiver by the Commission for early deployment of a public safety broadband network in the 700 MHz spectrum. This report provides the Commission with a status update on its efforts to deploy LA-SafetyNet.

LA-SafetyNet will be a 700 MHz public safety broadband network extending across all of Los Angeles County. LA-SafetyNet features almost 300 wireless 700 MHz public safety broadband sites using new and existing infrastructure, fixed microwave backhaul rings, and 100-miles of high-capacity fiber backbone. The network will enable computer-aided dispatch, rapid law-enforcement queries, real-time video streaming, medical telemetry and patient tracking, geographic information systems services for first responders, and many other broadband-specific applications.

I. PLANNING

The Authority released a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) on April 5, 2010, and an addendum to the RFP on October 26, 2010. Original responses were received on August 4, 2010 and

¹ In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, Order, FCC 10-79 at para. 63-64, PS Docket No. 06-229 (May 12, 2010) (“Waiver Order”).

addendum responses were received on November 30, 2010. In January 2011, the LA-RICS Evaluation Team conducted vendor interviews and demonstrations. After six months of dedicated work, the LA-RICS Evaluation Team completed their review of the vendor proposals on February 8, 2011. The LA-RICS Negotiation Team was formed on February 22, 2011 and negotiations are currently in progress with a selected vendor.

II. FUNDING

The total estimated cost to build and implement LASafety-Net is \$245 million. The Authority received \$154.6 million in Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (“BTOP”) grant funds to design, build and deploy LASafety-Net. The Authority’s staff is working with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) to ensure compliance with all grant and award conditions.

To satisfy the BTOP special award conditions, the Authority must submit an Environmental Assessment (“EA”) to the grantor. The Authority procured and contracted with a vendor to complete the EA. With over 260 preliminary sites, the Authority requested and was granted an extension on the draft EA deadline from March 31, 2011 to May 15, 2011.

III. DEPLOYMENT

A. Status of Equipment Deployment and purchase, including number of devices and users.

At this time no equipment has been purchased or deployed.

B. Site Development

At this time there are no changes to the conceptual design plan. The final design plan will be developed after a contract is executed with a vendor. Existing member sites will be utilized as much as possible. The need for new sites will be determined once a contract is executed and a final design is approved.

C. Deployments and upgrades (commencement and completion), including site information and

location

A schedule for deployment will be developed following contract execution and approval of a final design plan.

D. Applications in development or in use

There are no applications in deployment or in use at this time. The Authority will implement applications as required by the Waiver Order and Commission rules.

Respectfully Submitted,



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